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PETE HOEKSTRA

The Honorable Pete Hoekstra is one of the few former U.S. Congressmen with experience as a Fortune 500 business executive. Pete brings a unique blend of expertise and perspective to the global marketplace and public policy arena. His specialties include national security, international relations, global terrorism and cyber security.

Pete is active in a number of areas. He serves as a Shillman Senior Fellow at The Investigative Project on Terrorism (IPT), the world's most comprehensive data center on radical Islamic terrorist groups. Pete also serves as a Senior Advisor at Dickstein Shapiro LLP in the firm's Public Policy and Law Practice, where he provides business consulting in intelligence and national security, education, and labor matters. He serves on the Board of Directors of Gentex, Inc. and West Michigan Community Bank, and the Advisory Boards of Newsmax and TransCertain.

Pete served in the United States Congress for 18 years, representing Michigan's 2nd Congressional District from 1993 to 2011. Before his election to Congress, he worked for 15 years at office furniture manufacturer Herman Miller Inc., where he held the title of Vice President of Marketing.

Pete was named chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence in 2004 and held the post until January 2007, and served as the top Republican on the committee until January 2011. In his role he was responsible for helping to lead Congressional oversight of U.S. intelligence during its modernization to confront the threats of the 21st century global war on terror, including restructuring the intelligence community with landmark legislation following the 9-11 Commission report. Prior to his appointment as committee chairman, Pete served as chairman of the Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence.

In 2008, Pete was appointed as an Officer in the Order of the Orange-Nassau, a royal honor from the Dutch government. In December 2010, the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) awarded Pete with its "Agency Seal Medal". In January 2011, the Director of National Intelligence awarded him with the "National Intelligence Distinguished Public Service Medal.